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AMENDMENT NON-FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION

This paper is responsive to the Official Action mailed March 23, 2006.

Examiner has indicated that claims 1-10 are pending in the application; claims 1-6 and 8-10 are rejected; and claim 7 is objected to. Respectfully submitted are the following:

Amendments to the Claims: Pages 2-5

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